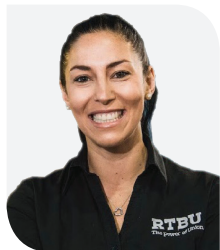


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Luba Grigorovitch

State Secretary

MEMBERS VOTE 99% IN FAVOUR OF PROTECTED INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The results are in for the Protected Industrial Action Ballot for Metro Trains Operations with a resounding yes of 99% from all members who participated.

Members at Metro are sick and tired of being taken advantage of and they deserve a fair and reasonable deal. With 99% of members who voted endorsing industrial action it is clear members are frustrated by Metro's tactics and aggressive attacks on hard-won conditions. It is time to take a stand.

The ballot has approved industrial action that includes:

- Workplace stoppages ranging from 4 to 48 hours.
- Banning last minute changes to timetables such as station skipping and short shunting.
- Refusal to check Mykis.
- Open barrier days.
- Refusal to issue infringement notices.
- Bans on working overtime and a refusal to participate in any workplace trials or testing of new technology.
- Refusal for station staff to make some service announcements.
- Uniform ban.

Metro is a majority foreign-owned company that has drained over \$305 million from the Victorian economy since it took over the franchise. Enough is enough, it is

time that Metro put people before profit, and give workers a fair deal.

If Metro are looking for improved productivity and better outcomes, they must take a good hard look at management before they continue to point the finger at you, our hardworking members who keep the network running.

A Delegates meeting will be arranged in the coming weeks to plan out any potential industrial action that will take place.

Stay tuned for further updates in the coming weeks and remember, united we stand, divided we fall!

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- State Secretary

Metro Operations Protected Action Ballot



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Darren Galea

Organiser

ROUGH RIDING IN V/LINE

For some time now, there have been ongoing issues with rough riding on the V/Line network. The RTBU has received reports for over 110 rough riding incidents that have occurred in the North East region alone and there are over 100 other reports of incidents that have occurred across the other regions in V/Line.

This is not okay and our members should not be put at such risk for simply doing their job.

At Albury Station for example, out of the eight staff members that work there, three of them are either on light duties or off on a WorkCover

claim due to injuries sustained from rough riding. There is also the potential for many other injuries to have occurred, however due to the forward thinking of many V/Line staff members, they continuously brace themselves when they are travelling over a particular section of track that they are aware is particularly rough.

It is clear that the rough riding is occurring because the network is not being maintained to the standards that it should be. This is unacceptable!

The RTBU has written to the CEO of V/Line

James Pinder to raise this as an issue and he has written back to us advising that the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) is responsible for the maintenance of the interstate network which includes the North East region. Mr Pinder advised that V/Line have now requested targeted maintenance to occur on the network.

While this is a step in the right direction, the RTBU will continue to put pressure on V/Line and the relevant authorities to ensure that the network is maintained correctly, and our members are not injured any further.

Delegate Meeting Dates – August 2019

- **6 August** – Metro Central (MCE) – 1100 to 1200 hrs
- **7 August** – MMAOS – B & D Delegates – 1100 to 1200 hrs
- **9 August** – Probe (PTV Call Centre) – 1000 to 1100 hrs
- **14 August** – Hawthorn AOs - A & D Delegates – 1000 to 1100 hrs
- **14 August** – Metro Caulfield – 1100 to 1200 hrs
- **14 August** – Wilson Security – 1300 to 1400 hrs
- **15 August** – Malvern AOs – A & D Delegates – 1000 to 1100 hrs
- **15 August** – Metro NSS / CCTV – 1100 to 1200 hrs
- **15 August** – V/Line Southern Cross – 1000 to 1100 hrs
- **16 August** – V/Line North East (Seymour/Albury) – 1000 to 1100 hrs
- **20 August** – Pacific National – 1500 to 1600 hrs
- **21 August** – North Melbourne AOs – B & C Delegates – 1000 to 1100 hrs
- **21 August** – TPH AOs – B & C Delegates – 1200 to 1300hrs
- **21 August** – Metro Northern / Clifton Hill – Clifton Hill – 1100 to 1200 hrs
- **21 August** – Metro Burnley – 1100 to 1200 hrs
- **27 August** – TfV (Transport for Victoria) – 1400 to 1500 hrs
- **28 August** – V/Line Central – 1100 to 1200 hrs
- **28 August** – V/Line Shunters – Geelong – 1100 to 1200 hrs
- **29 August** – Metrol, Timetables, Rosters & Signallers – 1000 to 1200 hrs

“MAROONED” IS A PLAY WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY RTBU MEMBER MICHAEL GRIFFITH

This play was written to tackle the problem of suicide in our society, with a particular view to the emotional and social challenges in male suicide.

With RTBU members often on the coal face of such emotional trauma, change is critical and this is not to be missed!

To purchase tickets, or for more information, visit

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